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SUBJECT: THE HORN

REF: LONDON 1560

1. AFTER REFLECTING ON YOUR MESSAGE AND DISCUSSING IT WITH BILL HARROP AND CHRIS, I RAISED IT WITH MR. VANCE. I STATED YOUR CONCERNS AND IDENTIFIED MYSELF STRONGLY WITH THEM BUT DID NOT SHOW YOUR CABLE.
2. HE EXPRESSED COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEED FOR BETTER COORDINATION OF HORN ISSUES. ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY WAS AWARE OF ALL INITIATIVES BEING CONTEMPLATED OR CARRIED OUT, HE ADMITTED THAT, DUE TO LACK OF TIME, HIS DEBRIEFING AND CONVERSATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WERE INCOMPLETE.

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3. TO REMEDY THIS, HE HAS AGREED TO A SUGGESTION THAT BILL CONVENE A WORKING GROUP IN THE DEPARTMENT, WITH PARTICIPATION FROM OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE NSC, TO COORDINATE HORN MATTERS. BILL WILL PROCEED TO DO SO TOMORROW, AND I WILL REPORT THE RESULTS. ON HIS AUTHORITY, WE ARE ALSO GETTING COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE SENT OR CONTEMPLATED ON THIS ISSUE.

4. I WILL LET BILL REPORT TO YOU SEPARATELY ON DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE AMBASSADOR (PRESENTLY BACK IN WASHINGTON HAVING FAILED TO TAKE THE LAST STEP HOME) AND THE EMISSARY ISSUE.

5. YOUR MESSAGE GAVE US A GOOD FOCUS AND EXCUSE TO RAISE MATTERS AFFECTING OTHER AREAS OF THE DEPARTMENT. I HOPE THAT YOUR LODGINGS IN MALTA ARE UP TO THEIR ADVANCE BILLING.

6. WE ARE HUNGRY FOR EVENING READING WITH THE SAME SPICE AS THE ITEMS YOU SENT US ON PAST MISSIONS TO LONDON.

7. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THIS MESSAGE IS DELIVERED ONLY TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE AND THAT NO OTHER COPIES ARE RETAINED OR CIRCULATED.

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